

MINUTES  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Thursday, February 06, 2014

**TIME:** 1:30 P.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW42

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Andrus, Vice Chairman Boyle, Representatives Bolz, McMillan, Batt, Bell, Agidius, Dayley, Miller, Romrell, Stevenson, VanOrden, Pence, Erpelding

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Representatives Agidius, Stevenson

**GUESTS:** Jeffrey Pettingill, Bonneville Co./IWAC; Kali Sherrill, Twin Falls Co./IWCA; Bryce Fowler, Fremont Co./IAWCS; Aaron Greenwell, Bannock County IAWCS; Patrick Guzzle, IDHW; Kathryn Turner, DHW; Jim Lowe, Food Producers; Matt Voile, ISDA; Sean Ellis, Capital Press; Rick Waitley, Idaho Weed Control; Amy Ferriter, CPS

**Chairman Andrus** called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

**RS 22776:** **Rep. Dayley** presented **RS 22776**, Food Safety Modernization Act. He said the FDA published additional transportation rules with the cost per farm.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Erpelding** made a motion to introduce **RS 22776**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**H 430:** **Rep. Erpelding** presented **H 430**. He said this Bill would build on an annual proclamation from the Governor to establish the week prior to Memorial Day weekend as a permanent invasive noxious weed awareness week. He said this will allow for more planning on the part of the agency covering noxious weeds.

**Jeffrey Pettingill**, Bonneville County Weed Control Superintendent spoke in **support** of this bill. He said Idaho is the leader in weed control.

**Rep. Batt** invoked Rule of 38, stating a possible conflict.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Dayley** made a motion to send **H 430** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Erpelding** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**Matt Voile**, Section Manager, Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA), explained the difference between the invasive species law and the noxious weed law. He explained how the Administrative Rules process categorizes these plants. He said there are many types of weeds that have become invasive and this Rule was created to include these types of weeds. He said this policy is the mechanism by which ISDA can regulate these plants and therefore without this rule there will be no regulation over Trap Crop Invasive Species or Energy Crop Invasive Species coming into the state.

In answer to a Committee question, **Mr. Voile**, explained the application process to obtain a permit as being one where the applicants file their permit application with ISDA, with a plan and ISDA adds additional incumbrances such as fencing to keep animals out. In answer to a Committee question regarding the use of another State's Rule as a model for Idaho's Rule he said it is useful as much as we can to utilize other States experiences and he cited specific examples.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Pence** made a motion to approve the minutes of the Bell Administrative Rules Subcommittee meeting of January 22, 2014. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Rep. Bell** explained the Docket Nos. reviewed by the Administrative Rules Subcommittee.

- MOTION:** Rep. Bell made a motion to approve **Docket No. 02-0214-1301**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- MOTION:** Rep. Pence made a motion to approve **Docket Nos. 02-0214-1302 and 02-0602-1301**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- MOTION:** Rep. Erpelding made a motion to approve the minutes of the Bolz Crops Rules Subcommittee meeting of January 14, 2014. **Motion carried by voice vote**
- Rep. Bolz explained the Docket Nos. reviewed by the Crops Rules Subcommittee. He discussed the issue with **Docket No. 02-0609-1301**, Section 105.
- MOTION:** Rep. Bolz made a motion to approve **Docket Nos. 02-0303-1301, 02-0303-1302, 02-0612-1301, 02-0613-1301, 02-0622-1301, 02-0641-1301 and 53-0101-1301**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- MOTION:** Rep. Bolz made a motion to reject **Docket No. 02-0623-1301**. **Motion carried by voice vote.** Rep. Erpelding requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**.
- MOTION:** Rep. Bolz made a motion to approve **Docket No. 02-0609-1301**. **Motion carried by voice vote.** Rep. Batt requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**.
- MOTION:** Rep. Bolz made a motion to approve **Docket No. 02-0625-1301**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- MOTION:** Rep. Miller made a motion to approve the minutes of the Boyle Livestock Rules Subcommittee meeting of January 16, 2014. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- Rep. Boyle explained the Docket Nos. reviewed by the Livestock Rules Subcommittee.
- MOTION:** Rep. Boyle made a motion to approve **Docket Nos. 02-0419-1301, 02-0420-1301, 02-0421-1301, 46-0101-1301 and 46-0101-1302**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:42 p.m.

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Representative Andrus  
Chair

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Angela Sandoval  
Secretary